

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (New) An apparatus for compensating for such deformations as occur on operation in first and second clamping surfaces intended for a tool in a press, said apparatus comprising the clamping surfaces being reciprocally moveable towards and away from one another for moving a first part and a second part of the tool towards and away from the first and second tool parts respectively, and the first and second tool parts having first and second abutment surface for abutment against the first and second clamping surfaces of the press, and the deformations realizing an uneven pressure in at least one contact region between the tool and the clamping surfaces, and a power unit disposed, at least in a contact region between one of the clamping surfaces and an abutment surface, said power unit, on activation, being disposed to press away from the one clamping surface located in the contact region and at least a part of the abutment surface on the tool being located there.

14. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the part of the abutment surface which is affected by the power unit is spaced from an outer contour of the abutment surface.

15. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the power unit is of flat configuration.

16. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the power unit is depressed in the one clamping surface.

17. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the power unit includes an upper plate and a lower plate which are enclosed by a frame section extending along sides of the plates.

18. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the frame section is fixedly welded to both the upper and the lower plates.

19. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein said frame section is provided with a groove.

20. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a thickness of the frame section on each side of the groove is less than a thickness of each respective plate.

21. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the groove is polished so as to reduce a tendency to breakage in the material.

22. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said upper plate is provided with a vertical, through-going hole.

23. (New) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 22, wherein an underside of said upper plate is provided with grooves which are in communication with the vertical hole.

24. (New) A method for compensating for stress deformations in work surfaces in a press apparatus, comprising disposing a tool in the press apparatus and disposing an apparatus on a work

surface which, when the press apparatus is in use, acts against the tool disposed in the press apparatus.